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REMARKS

The undersigned attorney and Examiner Paden participated in a telephonic interview on September 18, 2005. During that interview, the undersigned attorney explained that, while Examiner Paden contended in the final office action, with regard to claims 1, 3, and 13, that Applicants' previously submitted response failed to include the requisite language that U.S. Patent No. 6,991,375 (Clune et al.) and the pending application were commonly owned at the time of Applicants' invention, this language was included in the Statement of Common Ownership that was provided along with the previously filed office action response. Examiner Paden, after reviewing the Statement of Common Ownership that was previously submitted, agreed that the statement included the requisite language. The Examiner also confirmed that, upon receiving remarks from the undersigned attorney summarizing the above-described telephonic interview, the pending application would be in condition for allowance.

In view of the discussion above, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 1, 3, and 13 be withdrawn and that all claims of the pending application be allowed.

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